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Jaeger Baby Wins '46 Stork Derby

Bardo's Band, Troupe of 'Lovelies' To Be at Post 4 Nights Next Week

Vaudeville Show Free to Service Men, Women

Record crowds are expected to pack the Fort Benning theaters next week, when the "Lovelies" musical review featuring Bill Bardo and his band and a troupe of pretty girls, singers, dancers and comedians—reaches the post for a four-night tour starting Tuesday, Jan. 8. All performers will be free to service men and women with the compliments of USO-Camp Shows, Inc.

Maestro Bardo, Hollywood's popular musical director, will stage his Benning premiere at the Red Cross Recreation Hall, ASF Regional Hospital, Tuesday evening. His "packaged vaudeville show," featuring Theater No. 11 in Harmony Church on Wednesday, the Main Theater Thursday, and Theater No. 3 at The Parachute School on Friday.

Each theater performance is slated for 9 p.m. following the scheduled movie. Soldiers who wish to enjoy a double "screen and stage show" should remain in the same seat after the movie, while those who wish to see only the vaudeville attraction will be admitted to the theater immediately after the film showing, the special service office has announced.

Vaudeville Band

Bardo's "sweet and mellow" band is one of the most versatile musical aggregations in show business. In between pretheatrical acts, the musicians present a full-fledged variety show of their own. They're the same accomplished showmen who proved so popular in "Goldwyn's Girls," "Sons of 'Whoopee'" and other Hollywood films.

Emcee Bardo is a "third generation fiddler"; his grandfather was concert violinist to Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria, and his dad was champion square-dance fiddler of New York State.

Featured act of "Hats Off" will be the comedy act of performance by the consummate Harry White and Alice Manning, who never fail to roll 'em in the aisles with their famous "Booms-A-Daisy" number. They introduced the specialty to America and popularized it in side-splitting performances at the St. Regis Hotel and Leon and Eddie's in New York. Their performances have also contributed to the success of the "Ziegfeld Follies" and several Warner brothers and Paramount pictures.

Yester Juggler in Troupe

Another star whose appearance here will make "Hats Off" a memorable event in Benning entertainment will be James Evans, veteran juggler who has not forgotten his place for all vaudeville acts specializing in foot-juggling. In none of his tricks does Evans use his hands after the routine is under way.

He repeats his breathless act by juggling three large weighted balls with entrancing comedy effects. Then he switches to a heavy mace-like cross which he apparently uses to great flashes of fire as he handles numerous colorful props as he builds up his climactic feat of juggling a full-sized 180-pound beef.

A graduate of every major vaudeville circuit in the world, Evans gave a command performance for the King and Queen during his last tour of England. He is widely known as "The King of Jugglers" for his unselfishness of his time to entertain at many Army and Navy bases.

Tribute Paid To Gen. Brann

High-ranking officers at Fort Benning paid tribute Monday to Maj. Gen. John W. Brann, who served two tours of duty at The Infantry School during the thirties and earned the rank of major here in 1940.

General Brann was killed Saturday when he toppled 100 feet from a cliff while hunting in the mountainous Austrian Tyrol. He was returning from a hunting trip.

"General Brann can truly be called one of the Army's outstanding soldiers," said Brig. Gen. William E. Hobson, post commander of Camp Beale.

"I remember well that General Brann, then a major, was retained as an instructor during the post's expansion in 1938. He was a man of great knowledge of weapons," General Hobson said. "He was well-liked by everyone, including" General Hobson recalled.

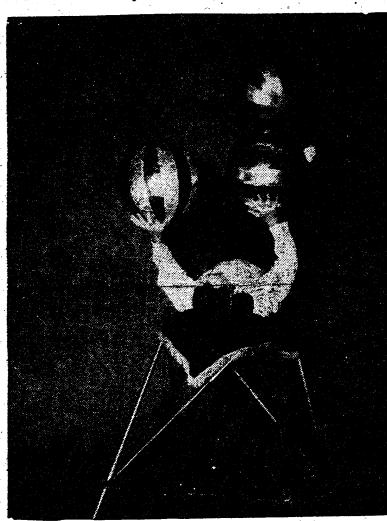
General Brann was a tanky, blond and curly-haired.

Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, commanding general of The Infantry School, also knew General Brann well. "I am deeply grieved to learn of his passing," he said. "General Brann was an excellent and important assignments he was given during the battles of Fortress Europe."

General Brann, a member of the 15th Army Group, General O'Daniel recalled.



WHITE AND MANNING comedy dancers starring in "Hats Off"



JAMES EVANS his "Foot Feats" featured in "Hats Off"

Capt. Akridge Has Cluster To Each of Three Awards

BY CPL. MILTON KALB

Capt. Clyde M. Akridge, commanding officer of headquarters company, Academic Regiment—which has the unusual distinction of having earned an oak leaf cluster to each of three combat awards—will leave the Infantry School this week for the Camp Beale separation center.

Winner of the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals with clusters for his part in four major Pacific campaigns, Captain Akridge received his baptism of fire under conditions that would try the most battle-hardened soldier.

"Atty was my toughest fight," recalls the wiry captain, "I was executive officer of service company, the 17th Infantry Division, our job was to keep supplies moving toward the front but our trucks kept breaking through the crust of the tundra into the bottomless mud. I was in the right place and Captain Akridge—then a first lieutenant—was wounded in the head by a ricochet bullet.

Refusing to be evacuated, he took command of the company, continued the battle through the night and well into the next day. The following day the Japs who were still alive retreated to Chicago, where they were wiped out.

For his part in the fighting Akridge received the Silver Star and his commission to captain. His company was awarded the Distinguished Unit Badge. "They were a wonderful bunch," Captain Akridge said. "Like all the American boys I have seen in combat, when the chips were down, they had what it takes."

In Pacific Invasions

A commander of a heavy weapons company in the 17th Infantry, Captain Akridge saw action throughout the Kweilin, Leyte and Okinawa campaign. He landed on each of these bitterly contested islands on D-Day and fought furiously to the bitter end.

When the 17th Infantry Division was disbanded, Captain Akridge was assigned to the 17th Infantry, then a bate-weary company, was being rebuilt by a new outfit.

"Dad," he said, "I headed for the beach where we had most of our artillery and supplies. If they had reached it, it would have been tough. Most of our company was lost in the Leyte Harbor, and after fighting the major part of the war, he had joined the 7th Infantry Division in the Molave Desert. He served with the 7th until after Okinawa when he was returned to the United States and became a member of the 17th Infantry.

Captain Akridge intends to go into the automobile business in Walnut Grove, Calif. He resides in the former home of Margie, the wife of the colonel at the plane was a group of high ranking officers of The Infantry School including several of those who had served in the Philippine Islands during the war.

Concert Group To Be Formed By Post A & R

Organization of a concert group for Fort Benning, to round out America's most complete Military Post's entertainment facilities, is contemplated by the Post Athletic and Recreation Office, under the direction of WOJG Richard Shores, formerly assistant band-leader of the 87th Division Band.

The coming into existence of the group, which would be directed and conducted by Mr. Shores will depend upon whether sufficient talent can be recruited from Fort Benning installations.

"We hope," Mr. Shores said, "to be able to organize a complete little symphony, to play in the Main Post Exchange, at the various command posts, and for special occasions, radio broadcasts, shows, and such affairs."

"Through the cooperation of the various command posts of Fort Benning, we will be able to put together a group, composed of musicians who would like to play together in such an organization."

Lots of Instruments

Mr. Shores, who is civilian life student at the Eastman School of Music and who conducted the Indianapolis, Ind., Little Symphony, named the required instruments for the orchestra.

"We will need violins, violas, cellos, and bass violins, we can get," he said. "Then, we'll need three clarinets, two trumpets, trombones, the percussions, oboes, bassoons, flutes, and French Horn."

"Musicians who are interested will derive much enjoyment out of playing with the group, if they want to play," Mr. Shores advised.

"People who are interested should contact me at the Post A & R office or call me at Fort Benning telephone 3411 or 3412."

A native of Indianapolis, Ind., Mr. Shores attended the University of Indiana. While there, he produced some of the Jordan Review, and his review for the senior year won the national competition. He has also conducted a band, played in radio station WIRE, and was a member of ASCAP among American universities and he was granted a scholarship at the Eastman School of Music at Eastman.

After studying at Eastman, Mr. Shores returned to Indianapolis to conduct the Indianapolis Little Symphony, as well as writing stories for station WIRE, NBC's Indianapolis outlet.

He entered the Army as an enlisted man at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., qualified for and attended Bandmaster's School at Camp Lee, Va., and then was assigned to the 87th Infantry Division.

At Fort Jackson, S. C., he organized and conducted the 87th Division Little Symphony, which was the first to play in the post exchange.

After serving in the 87th in 1944, and returned to the United States and Fort Benning in the summer of 1945.

While at Fort Benning, he has taken a prominent part in post musical activities. He organized, arranged the score for, and conducted the orchestra in the re-enactment production "Oklahoma," which was done and performed for radio and concert programs.

Mr. Shores' wife, Margaret Shores, played the part of Flora in the 1945 production of "The Man Who Came to Dinner."

When the 87th Division Band was redesignated the 51st AGC Band, Mr. Shores was placed on special duty with the post A & R office, and he is under that arrangement that he will direct the proposed concert group.

Musicians interested in taking part in the post's new concert group should contact the Post A & R office or by telephoning FB 3411 or 2183.

High Awards To Be Given Discharges At Retreat Parade

Several high combat awards will be presented to recently discharged soldiers at special retreat parade ceremonies of the Army Service Forces at the Post on January 26.

Brig. Gen. William H. Hobson, post commander, is on the sick list, and his staff will review the troops.

The present ceremony will be conducted at 5 o'clock. Lt. Col. Col. F. Scheuer will be battalion commander for the ceremony, with Capt. John A. White as battalion adjutant. Lt. Col. Col. F. Scheuer will be the post adjutant and will read the citations for the awards.

Guerrilla Leader Inspecting TIS

Col. Luis Villareal, a famous Philippine guerrilla leader, arrived at Lawson Field yesterday for a 10-day inspection tour of The Infantry School.

Major Villareal, the colonel at the plane was a group of high ranking officers of The Infantry School including several of those who had served in the Philippine Islands during the war.



LINING UP for sodas, sundaes, malteds and other "Fountain Delights" are these GIs at the post's newest Soda Shop PX opened in the Main Post Exchange last Thursday. The Soda Shop will be open from 9 a.m. through 9 p.m. weekdays, while maintaining a noon to 9 p.m. schedule on Sundays and holidays. Manager of the new Soda Shop is Thomas Rich who announced that coffee urns would be installed next week to provide that welcomed "break" mornings when all other PXs are closed. The new soda shop was constructed in the portion of the Main Exchange formerly used as a stock room. Lt. Col. Lawton Jordan, PX officer, pointed out. The establishment of the new Soda Shop was projected months ago but was held up due to inability to obtain necessary equipment. It is four times the size of the old Soda Shop. Meanwhile the smaller Soda Shop in the Main Cafeteria Building will continue to operate indefinitely on a 3 to 10 p.m. schedule, Colonel Jordan announced. (Signal Corps Photo by Cpl. Phil Charleson.)

Trooper's Son Is Victor By 33 Minute Margin

Vincent Joseph Jaeger arrived in the world at the ASF Regional Hospital at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1946, and was proclaimed winner of the Fort Benning 1946 Baby Derby, the most "prolonged" and exciting stork contest in history of the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph V. Jaeger, 25, operations sergeant of the Airborne School and proud poppa of the first male baby to win the contest in three years, will make the rounds of the town this afternoon, picking up the 26 handsome gifts which the town's leading merchants will award as prizes to the first baby born here to an enlisted man's wife in 1946.

Mrs. Lucy Jaeger, 21, gave birth to the cub-sized six-pound, 12-ounce "Mister 1946" just 33 minutes before the wife of Cpl. Ernest Hiser, of the Academic Regiment, gave birth to the still-unnamed "Miss 1946." The tiny Jaeger was in doubt for at least half an hour before the Jaeger tyke arrived. Attending surgeon was Capt. John Christensen; nurses were Lts. Mattie Williams and Sue Minnie.

Latest Winner

"Mister 1946" was the first winner to arrive after New Year's Day. In previous years the winning baby has arrived within a few minutes or at the most, hours, after the New Year's Day.

"The prize gifts sure will come in handy," Sergeant Jaeger said when informed that "my boy" had been certified as the winner, and the babe and I will get off to a good start in civilian life with all these really practical gifts."

Sergeant Jaeger will return to his previous job as assistant to commanding officer of the 1st Battalion, Infantry, in the Cavalry School.

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Fort Benning's Radio Programs To Be Enlarged

BY CPL. MILTON KALB

The enlarged Academic Regiment of The Infantry School settled down this week to the job of completing its reorganization brought about by the absorption of the Post Public Relations Office.

The revival, over station WRLB, of one of the Post's most successful shows, "Listen, It's Fort Benning" plus the organization of a new show "Fort Benning On Parade" over radio station WDAK, will soon begin. Definite dates will be announced shortly.

"Listen, It's Fort Benning" for many months used to be presented regularly each Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. back from the stage of the Main Theater. On it, solo, instrumental, vocal, and dramatic talent were featured. The show moved to a weekday night spot last fall.

Many Fort Benning figures including Jane Andrews, Army cheerleader, and the stars of local soap opera, and The Adventures of Bob Frazee, Fort Benning's sad-sackish private from Company C of the Ninth, were aired over the show.

"Listen, It's Fort Benning" was produced the memorial show on the occasion of President Roosevelt's death at Warm Springs, which received high praise from Fort Benning and Columbus listeners.

The new show will follow much the same pattern as before. Music, dramatic sports, and solo talent will be the main features.

"Fort Benning on Parade" is a new show, and will feature a Fort Benning show of a different sort. In addition to music, "Fort Benning on Parade" will dramatize some of the happenings of the week at Fort Benning.

Experienced Actors

With an experienced cast of radio actors, it is thought, the "Listen, It's Fort Benning" will prove a mirror of activity at Fort Benning, leaving listeners with an idea of what is going on at America's most combat-ready post.

Post personnel will be present at the post's new Soda Shop PX opened in the Main Post Exchange last Thursday.

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Academic Regt. Winding Up Reorganization Job

BY COL. WILEY O'MOHUNDRO

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cer Col. Wiley O'Mohundro's staff sped more than 1,000 Academic Regiment members on holiday passes and furloughs.

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Assisting Col. Wiley O'Mohundro in the reorganization as well as in the post's new administrative duties are Lt. Col. Bert G. Johnson, executive officer; Maj. Jack C. Flynn, intelligence and plans-and-training officer; Lt. George P. McCullough, adjutant; Capt. John W. Wells, information and education officer; Capt. William S. Notting, mess officer and Lt. Roy Isaacs, athletic and recreation officer.

Assisting intelligence and plans-and-training officers are Maj. Henry F. Smith and Capt. Joseph and WOJG Ed. Garrison.

Assisting adjutants are Capt. Eric U. Cavell and Lt. Patsy M. Potolivo will help Lt. Isaacs. M-Sgt. Tomie F. Campbell is sergeant-major and Columbus is supply and property sergeant.

Lts. Isaacs and Cavell, WOJG Garrison and Sgts. Campbell and Brown are holdovers from the staff of the 1st Battalion, Infantry.

Other members of Colonel Brady's staff who have joined the Academic Regiment are the head of the Academic Battalion, which comprises the bulk of what was the Academic Regiment on December 15, 1945.

The new programs will be presented in addition to "Fort Benning on the Air" news broadcasts from 5:15 to 5:30 p.m. on WDAK.

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ENTERTAINMENT

The Bayonet, Thursday, January 3, 1946

The Movie Week

MEET ME ON BROADWAY: A musical comedy starring Marjorie Reynolds and Fred Brady. Good entertainment!

THE HARVEY GIRLS: Judy Garland in a musical extravaganza with John Hodiak forming the male interest in the picture.

CORNERED: Dick Powell in a mystery thriller aided by Walter Slezak. Satisfying to the mystery lovers.

DOLL FACE: Another in the list of musicals headlining the post theatre billings this week. Perry Como and Vivian Blaine play the leads.

TOKYO ROSE: A light drama with Byron Barr and Osa Massen as the principals.

GIRL ON THE SPOT: A mystery flicker with Jess Barker and Lois Collier featured.

MY REPUTATION: A romantic number leaning slightly on the tear-extracting side. Barbara Stanwyck and George Brent team up for the light comedy.

FRONTIER GAL: A Western with Yvonne De Carlo and Rod Cameron.

A LETTER FOR EVE: A romantic pix with Marsha Hunt and John Carroll in the main roles.

HOLLYWOOD CANTEEN: Betty Davis headlines a galaxy of stars in a musical extravaganza. Remember! Betty came to the Hollywood Canteen as her pet wartime project. A great picture!

THURSDAY
Nos. 1 & 2: Doll Face.
Nos. 2 & 3: Tokyo Rose.
No. 5: My Reputation.
No. 11: Frontier Gal.

FRIDAY
Nos. 1 & 2: Doll Face.
Nos. 2 & 3: Girl on the Spot.
No. 5: My Reputation.
No. 11: A Letter for Eve.

SATURDAY
Nos. 1 & 8: Meet Me On Broadway.
Nos. 2 & 4: Doll Face.
No. 5: Tokyo Rose.
No. 11: Hollywood Canteen.

SUNDAY
Nos. 1 & 3: The Harvey Girls.
Nos. 2 & 4: Doll Face.
No. 5: Girl on the Spot.
No. 11: My Reputation.

MONDAY
Nos. 1 & 2: The Harvey Girls.
Nos. 2 & 3: Meet Me On Broadway.
No. 5: Doll Face.
No. 11: My Reputation.

TUESDAY
Nos. 1 & 3: Cornered.
Nos. 2 & 4: The Harvey Girls.
No. 5: Doll Face.
No. 11: Meet Me On Broadway.

WEDNESDAY
Nos. 1 & 3: Cornered.
Nos. 2 & 4: The Harvey Girls.
No. 5: Meet Me On Broadway.
No. 11: Doll Face.

Gls Say Their Travel Space Given to Brides

LONDON, Jan. 2—(INS)—Some 4,000 American servicemen protested today that they were forced to remain in England to provide shipping space for brides traveling to the United States.

The vigorous objections took the form of letters and cables to U. S. congressmen and newspaper editors.

FIRST-AID FOR SCALP-SCRATCHERS

If dry scalp itches rub on a few drops of Moroline Hair Tonic. Helps remove loose, unsightly dandruff flakes.

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Russell Dies; Post Engineer

Frank Cereste Russell, post engineer at Fort Benning, died at the City Hospital Wednesday at 10:15 a. m., following a short illness.

Mr. Russell was born in Columbus April 11, 1904, the son of Joseph C. and Dennis Hudson Russell. He was a member of the St. Mark M. E. Church, the Muscogee Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Allie Jean Russell; two sons, Mrs. R. M. Rogers and Eric Russel; his mother, Mrs. Jennie Russell and four sisters, Mrs. Z. A. Brooks, Mrs. R. J. Riley, Mrs. W. H. Simms, and Mrs. J. H. Brooks, all of Columbus.

Funeral services will be held at the D. A. Strifler Mortuary on Chapel Thursday at 2 p. m. with the Rev. W. C. Bryant officiating. Burial will be in Riverdale.

1946 Auto Tags Now Are On Sale

The 1946 Georgia automobile license tags went on sale Wednesday.

Blanks may be obtained from Sheriff E. F. Howell's office in the county. When filled out and notarized, the applications may be sent to the state motor vehicle licensing bureau in Atlanta and the tags will be mailed to the auto owner. The price is \$1.50 upwa-

rd, depending on the weight of the automobile.

New tags must be obtained by April 1.

In Atlanta, Director J. A. Latimer, of the motor vehicle licensing unit said tags would be issued on a "first come, first served" basis.

Draw your own conclusions:

U. S. food rationing point values:

—brains, 3 points; tongue, 6

points.

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TALBOTTON ROAD DIAL 2-1091

An Army Wife Shops In Columbus

By Phyllis

This wave of cold and nasty weather hitting Columbus means many of us will be hunting up some new shoes which have the heel and toes in, instead of the toe and heel. The best place to find attractive footwear styles in Columbus is THE MILLER-TAYLOR SHOE COMPANY. This long established concern receives new stocks daily. Suedes, as well as leather, are in high evidence in Pumas, Oxford and tie styles in the sales personnel. Counter displays offer black or various shades of brown are beautifully fashioned by skilled craftsmen who work with you to find one that fits. Shoes are of top-quality materials. For warmer as well as attractive pedal extemities, your chances for finding some scarce items are very excellent. And, as you know, prices could not be more reasonable.

All the dances and parties scheduled for the next few weeks will mean a great scurrying around for new formal or two-piece. An ideal place to shop for a lovely gown suitable for these occasions is THE J. A. KIRVEN COMPANY. The Fashion Shop on the second floor has quite an assortment ofJuliette, sateen, crepe and organdy gowns. The styles and prices are, too. Form-displaying drapery is evident in many of the crepe fashions and the party dresses have the popular full skirt of net or tulle. Shop now before some smart little girls snap up the very outfit you like.

The family department store, the most popular one in Columbus, Pharmacy,



War Department Authorizes New Service Ribbon

The War Department has authorized a new ribbon, known as the Army Commendation Ribbon, for members of the armed forces who have been commanded by senior officers for meritorious service rendered since December 1, 1945, or for some specific accomplishment since then. Officers of the rank of major general or above, or those commanders installations normally under the command of major generals or higher, may make the award.

The ribbon may be authorized for meritorious service other than sustained combat, or operational duty or direct support of such duty. It is awarded to those who have distinguished themselves with the Bronze Star Medal, an operational award, can not be given.

The ribbon, which is authorized in the name of the Secretary of War, will be awarded to qualified personnel in the armed forces by individual letter of certificate. The statement that the "recipient is hereby authorized to wear the Army Commendation Ribbon" by the Secretary of War.

Only one such award can be made while an individual is on one duty assignment. For meritorious service in subsequent duty assignments, or for well done letters of appreciation, a second ribbon may be awarded.

It was pointed out that the term "commendation" is not to be confused with "appreciation." Many commanding officers indicate that appreciation is given for well done letters of appreciation.

It is the intent of the Army that the Army Commendation Ribbon or certificate should show achievement of distinction in the same standard for which the Bronze Star Medal is awarded.

The court continued to be hampered by the absence of Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson, on leave to act as special prosecutor for the Nuremberg war crimes trials at Nuremberg.

The most pressing matter before the high tribunal is the appeal of Lt. Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita, former Japanese commander in the Philippines, a defendant in the Bataan Death March.

Another veteran, Sat'el Thelmar S. McCoy, 30, of Columbus, was

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The ribbon is a silk band, 1 3-8

inches in width, of white stripes

and myrtle green bands. The ribbon is not available now but

it is anticipated that it will be made in the near future concerning its pro-

urement.

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Fort Benning Parade

BY MARY D. KEATLEY

The stage was set at Fort Benning for a riotous and rollicking New Year's Eve as Old Father Time with his son, a gragger and crackin' bones, made way for the infant 1946. The Officers Club, traditional scene of New Year's revelry, was crowded with members who rang in the new year in a swirl of multi-colored balloons, paper hats, serpentine and confetti.

The Parachute Club held its yearly New Year's Day dance and celebration in the Officers' Club, which was decorated as in past years with colored paracutes and holiday greenery. A reception line was formed at 9:30 p.m. and supper served at 10:30.

Commandants' New Year's Day "At Home"

The Commandant's quarters were thrown open for the first time in five years (as Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John W. O'Daniel entertained with an At Home from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.). This lovely colonial style home, built by the "Big House" of a plantation owned by a prominent Columbus family, is set in five acres of beautifully tended lawn and shrubbery and made a picture perfect setting for the throngs of callers who arrived to wish the O'Danels a Happy New Year.

Col. and Mrs. Wiley H. O'Mohundro, the O'Danels' guests on January 1, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for the officers and ladies of the Academic Regiment, of which Col. O'Mohundro has recently been made commanding general and for a number of other friends. Mr. and Mrs. Oris M. Calkins, parents of Mrs. O'Mohundro, arrived Tuesday, December 25, from Oswego, N. Y., to spend the holidays and to remain at Fort Benning for the rest of the winter.

Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Whitfield P. Shepard celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Christmas Day, although the Shepards had planned no party. Many old friends called throughout the day to pay their respects.

Gen. and Mrs. Shepard's quarters on 118 Eames Avenue were beautifully decorated for the holidays with silvered pine cones as the principal motif. A small Christmas tree was placed in the sun porch. It was covered with tinsel ornaments and angel hair.

Among those who came to call were Brig. Gen. and Mrs. William H. Purdon, Col. and Mrs. Harlan N. Harness, Col. and Mrs. Merritt E. Olmstead, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Earl E. Holton, Mrs. Holton, Lt. Col. and Mrs. John R. Dinsmore, Maj. and Mrs. Andrew W. Petrosky, Maj. and Mrs. Clarence F. Murray, Jr., and Lt. and Mrs. Mix.

Ruzette-Munson Marriage Of Interest

Of interest to many friends in Fort Benning and Columbus is the marriage of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Charles R. Ruzette, Belgian minister to Mexico, and Baroness Ruzette to Major Henry Lee Munson, AUSA, 1st Cavalry, which took place December 29, 1945, at noon in the cathedral of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Major Robert W. Shackleton was best man. Major Munson, his bride and bridegroom, made their home at 52 West Fifty-third Street, New York City after a brief wedding trip.

Major Munson, served in the war as an ensign in Maj. Gen. John C. Bradley's Twelfth Army Group and both Maj. Munson and Maj. Shackleton were stationed at Fort Benning during 1943.

Notes Of Interest

Mrs. Ruth King and Capt. and Mrs. Grey Dresser were joint hosts at an Open House held December 29 in Capt. Dresser's quarters at 402 E. Lumpkin, Turkey Hill, the Infantry School. Guests received orders for Camp Robinson, Arkansas, where he will report on January 3.

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Red Cross Unit In 'Bama Area Was Colorful

BY MURRAY E. HILL

One of the most colorful branch units of the Red Cross at Fort Benning was that established for the paratroopers in the Alabama area. It closed last month when the Alabama area was inactivated. The summer of 1942, when the Parachute School was expanding rapidly and the Alabama area was established as advanced training location for the paratroopers, the Red Cross and the Red Cross both realized the necessity of Red Cross service in the field to an isolated as the paratroopers would be during their period of training.

In the early summer of 1942 the Red Cross opened an office in a tent located in an area then occupied by the 302nd and 304th Parachute Regiments. The tent was furnished by Red Cross equipment and Quartermaster office furniture. Natural decoration was provided by the grass growing up through the floor of the tent.

The first AFD in charge of the Alabama area office was T. J. Boyle and as his secretarial assistant he has with him Miss Mildred Storms A. Hazard.

Due to the inability of the tent and the storms in the Alabama area the staff never knew when they would leave tent bivouac and the records were scattered. The dust also left nothing to the comfort of the staff that was placed in that area. As winter came on it was necessary to move the tent to a heated area. Some time elapsed before the heater was adjusted to the tent and it was necessary to conduct interviews on the outside while the heater was burning.

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Aussies Give Figures

WASHINGTON—According to Australian government figures, supplies, equipment and facilities valued at \$535,000,000 have been furnished United States Forces as reverse lend lease to June 30, 1945. Lend Lease exports during the same period, to Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the Philippines amounted to \$1,154,000,000.

Ike' Gets Wings

WASHINGTON—With 350 flying hours to his credit, General Eisenhower was awarded this week the Silver Wings of the Flying Air Force. The award was made by Col. Edwin Andrews, chief of the Commonwealth's Air Corps.

General Andrews served as aide to Gen. MacArthur in the Philippines from 1935 to 1940.

himself and Red Cross in the Philippine invasions, especially on Leyte. He was in charge of the Red Cross Center. Andrews wrote back that his strenuous physical training with the paratroopers had certainly prepared him for the arduous work that this unit took over its bomber operations in the Pacific.

Another AFD in charge of the Alabama area who will be well remembered was John Beckham. Beckham was the first AFD to be moved to a better location, refurnished, and really flourished at the peak of its activities.

Mr. Beckham left the paratroopers and went to the Red Cross as director with one of the B-29 units and was last heard of when this unit took over its bomber operations in the Pacific.

From a statistical standpoint literally thousands of soldiers literally thousands of soldiers were lost in their pressing problems. Hundreds of wires were sent and received by this office. Thousands of dollars were loaned to the Red Cross for emergency funds and personal needs when the occasion arose.

The Red Cross office in the Alabama area is one which will be remembered in the minds of many paratroopers scattered throughout the world at present. It served well its purpose. Now it is closed, locked, barred and empty as the other buildings in the area but its walls probably still echo with the memory of the many heartaches eased by conferences with the AFDs and those thousands of problems solved nowhere else except in a Red Cross office.

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TIS Is Leading School Commands In Enlistments

A recent tabulation of enlistment figures for School Commands, shows The Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, out in front by a wide margin, with a total of 1245. Its nearest rivals for recruiting honors are: The Parachute School, also of Fort Benning, with 795 men signing up for a peacetime "hitch", and the Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, with 685 deciding to stay in.

The Infantry School also is in a position of commanding final action with a two-to-one numerical superiority.

These totals represent consolidation of Regular Army commandments and Reenlistments for Army Ground Forces.

Butner Is Center For NP Cases In 4 Southern States

CAMP BUTNER, N. C.—The Army General Hospital here has been designated to handle Army neuro-psychiatric cases for all units in the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia (with the exception of Ft. Oglethorpe) and Florida, it is announced by Brig. Gen. Roy C. McElroy, commanding general of the Camp Butner Hospital Center.

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Nevertheless, the Red Cross provided coverage for the soldiers and the Red Cross office was moved later into a building near the Post Exchange. The staff really felt like they were living in a mansion after their experience in the tent.

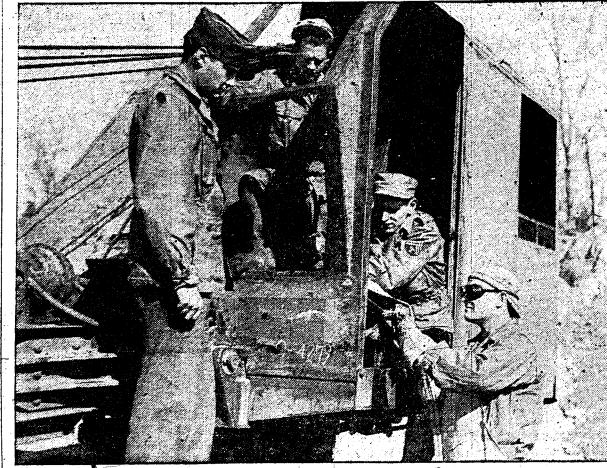
The Red Cross office in the Alabama area had at last come into its own and was one of which the Military could be proud.

Made Names for Selves

Most of the AFDs who have been in charge of the Alabama office have made names for themselves. Red Cross work One, John Fodor who was there perhaps longer than anyone else, will be remembered by the officers and men of the Red Cross, mainly because of his unusual training given to the paratroopers, later making a name for



"WONDER FIVE" is the nickname given this season's Reception Center Basketball Team, considered the greatest ever to represent the Center on the hardwood. Players pictured above are, left to right: (6) Herman Powell, ex-Tuskegee Institute forward; (14) Silas Davis, former Morehouse College guard; (9) Samuel Hill, ex-Birmingham High center; (8) Wilbur George, star center from Tuskegee Institute; (7) Oliver Brooks, ex-Morehouse College guard and (16) Wallace O. Hawkins, ace sharpshooter from Florida A & M College. Other members of the squad are Bertram Martin, Rudolph Dunn, Robert Swain, Edwin Smith, Orlando People, and L. B. Foley; John Patterson, business manager; Hawthorne Lee, assistant manager; and Maurice Moore, trainer. The Tiger basketbolists have won four of their five games.



ENGINEERS SCHOOL—The "how-to-do-it" of brazing bodies of Osgood shovels is being demonstrated in the 1290th Engineer Combat Battalion Heavy Equipment School in the Harmony Church Area. Lt. John M. Morgan, supervisor, looks on. (Photo by S-Sgt. Paul Berg, 167th Signal Photo Co.)



ENJOYING MALTED MILKS and sundaes at the opening of the new PX Soda Shop last Thursday were these five GIs as they sat at the tables provided in the spacious new exchange. Seated at the table in the foreground are, left to right are: Pfc. Vincent C. Velucci, Pfc. Joe Zawidzki and Pfc. Jerry Walker, all of 1st Headquarters Company, The Airborne School; and Pvt. Eugene Prado of 10th Company, the Academic Regiment of The Infantry School. At the table in the rear of the photo is Pfc. Wallace H. Bores of the 1290th Engineer Company, First Army. (Signal Corps Photo by Cpl. Phil Charleson.)



New Plan Allows Extended Active Duty for Officers

Reserve, National Guard and continental United States. Travel of dependents of officers and Government expense, incidentally, is now authorized to the Caribbean Defense Command, Brazil, Newfoundland, Alaska and Hawaii.

All volunteering statements previously signed by officers to remain on active duty for a given period have been rejected by the Department. These statements of five different categories have been set up to more correctly fit the desire of officers. An officer will be required to complete one of these five categories before being removed for officers making a permanent change of station.

The rank which will be offered the officer selected for integration will be determined on a basis of actual or constructive service whichever is greater. Actual service is the total number of years, months, and days of service in the Army, the Special Training Unit until it was inactivated a few weeks ago. He spent the last two weeks as a troubleshooter for companies of the Reception Center with administrative records.

In addition to his regular duties, Sgt. Seares served as sergeant-major of the Reception Center, his Army career at an end.

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Category II. I elect to continue on extended active duty until 30 November 1946.

Category III. I elect to continue on extended active duty until 30 December 1946.

Category IV. I elect to continue on extended active duty until 30 November 1946.

Category V. I desire to be relieved from active duty for administrative records.

All reserve, National Guard and continental United States officers except General officers and those on terminal leave will be encouraged to sign up for one of the above categories of statements at the earliest practicable date, says the statement.

The date to be entered here is a date agreed upon by the officer concerned and his commanding officer at least 60 days before the date the statement is signed and not later than 30 November 1946.

Category VI. I desire to be relieved from active duty for retained longest.

Legislation is now pending in Congress which would increase the length of time of the Regular Army officers' corps. This legislation would authorize the integration of approximately 10,000 selected permanent officers into the Regular Army. The grades of second lieutenant through major inclusive.

Appointees must meet certain general intelligence and physical standards. So far as possible, an appointee will be commissioned in the arm or service of his choice within arm or service.

The War Department has under consideration a policy which would prescribe a maximum overseas tour of two and a half years. This legislation would affect all officers who have performed prior to Dec. 7, 1941, and to the length of time officers have served in the

RC's Colorful Sgt. Seares Leaving Army

By CPL. WILLIAM A. HAGINS

St. Arthur C. Seares, one of the Reception Center's most colorful figures, is about to return to civilian life. Tomorrow morning he will board the McMurtry Transportation Center, his Army career at an end.

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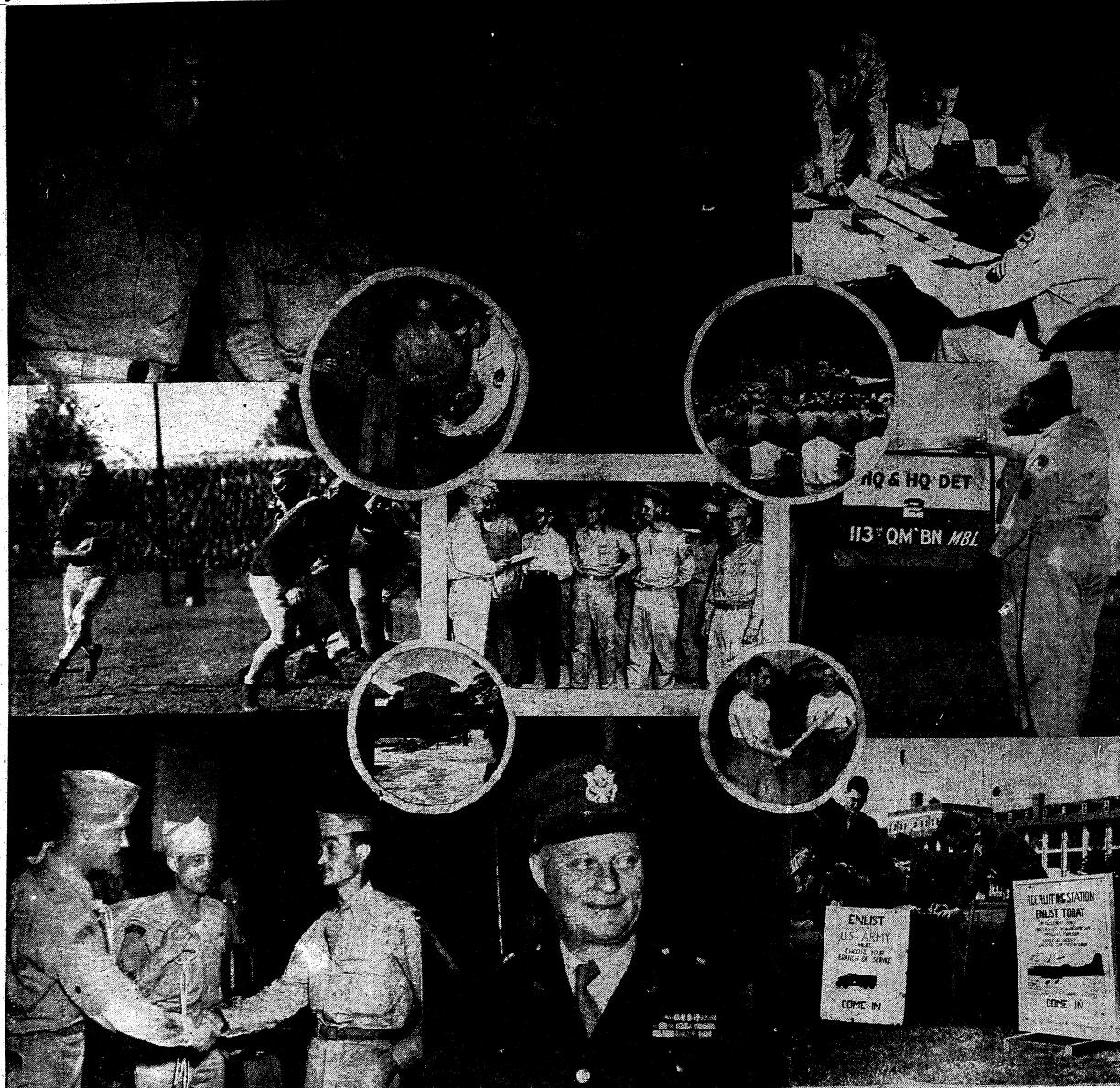
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QUIET A YEAR FOR FIRST ARMY—Photographs reproducing activity among First (formerly Second) Army units through the year 1945 make up quite a varied spread. V-E and V-J brought many changes to the special troops which trained and then left for combat duty overseas. Looking across the top row, left to right: Maj. Gen. Frank Culin and Brig. Gen. McGee, Commanding General and Assistant Commanding General of the 87th Infantry Division, are shown in a photo taken the night they left for other assignments, after the Division, which came to Fort Benning for redeployment, was inactivated. Top center shows Col. Richard W. Carter pinning the Combat Infantryman Badge on Pfc. Stanislaus Klusa, South Pacific veteran. On top right is the busy morning report section at Fourth Headquarters, First Army, which during the peak of redeployment was handling hundreds of morning reports each day. Bill Russell, First Army's gift to the Fort Benning Doughboys, is shown skirting around the end in left center photo, and in the middle center photo.

Major Thomas M. Williams is shown calling the roll as a group of redeployed veterans from Europe report in to First Army for assembly. At center right, members of the 113th QM Battalion take down their unit sign as the 113th, ETO veteran, is inactivated. Lower left shows a now-typical scene in First Army. A sergeant bids some of his men farewell as they leave for separation. He's Gene Coogan of the 167th Signal Photo Co. In lower center, Brig. Gen. Ogden J. Ross is shown as he arrived in Columbus to take command of First Army troops here. At lower right S-Sgt. Clyde E. Wykle, 87th Division veteran, signs up for re-enlistment in First Army's special recruiting station. The inset at top left is a scene from First Army ordnance shops, before V-J Day. Top right inset portrays the special Victory services held in Harmony Church for First Army. Lower left inset is a view of the Jap village built for First Army redeployment training before Japan capitulated, while lower right inset is an action scene from First Army's softball league.

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Gen. Lutes to Command ASF Succeeding Gen. Somervell

Secretary of War Robert Patterson has announced the appointment of Lt. Gen. LeRoy Lutes as Commanding General Army Service Forces effective January 1, 1946, to succeed Gen. Brethon Somervell whose relief from this assignment pending retirement was announced last week.

Gen. Lutes served as director on plans and operations, Army Service Forces, from March, 1942, until April, 1944, when he became chief of staff and Deputy Commanding General Army Service Forces Headquarters in Washington.

"It is with extreme regret", Mr. Patterson said, "that I announced the retirement of General Somervell as commanding general Army Service Forces. In organizing and directing the worldwide

supply lines on which our troops depended for their offensive power, General Somervell performed a service without parallel in military history. He was completely dedicated to the task of winning the war at the shortest possible time and with the smallest cost in American lives and the energy and ability he applied to his task contributed in great measure to the force of our attack on Japan which was victorious. My own work in the field of procurement would have been impossible of accomplishment without his help and counsel. He has been a true friend to all who worked with him. He will be sorely missed but he has earned his relief. He carries with him the eternal gratitude of the Army which he served so selflessly and so well.

"Qualified Successor"

The War Department, however, is fortunate in having a man on the spot qualified to step into the job as commander of the Army Service Forces. Director of General LeRoy Lutes, the new Commanding General, will take the tremendous task ahead of him in stride. He has the vision, experience and knowledge required to manage this important branch of the Army."

The new commanding general of the Army Service Forces came into the regular army in 1817 after a period of service with the Federalized National Guard.

During World War II, General Lutes worked in one of the combat zones of the various theaters. On his first trip to the British Isles in 1942, he initiated plans for an amphibious assault and support would be available for American forces soon to be based in the United Kingdom. Later the same year, General Lutes commanded the thousands of miles of the South and Southwest Pacific where he played an important role in coordinating supply and logistic support of the Army and Navy plans to push the enemy back across the Pacific.

Checked Supply

Prior to the invasion of Western France, General Lutes was called to General Eisenhower's headquarters to investigate and advise on plans for supply and logistic support of the cross-channel assault. He graduated from West Point in 1937 and is now on duty with the American Army of Occupation in Frankfurt, Germany.

Two RC Non-Coms Going to College For Army Study

Sgt. Jessie L. Anderson and Cpl. Joseph Peterson of the Reception Center have been transferred to A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C., to study Army Administration.

Both of these servicemen served as Cadremen with the 11th Company of the former special Training Unit at the Reception Center where the rudiments of military training were taught to educationally handicapped soldiers.

Sgt. Anderson served as chief instructor for the former 11th Company and Cpl. Peterson was the assistant chief instructor.

Their friends at the Reception Center wish them much success in their future work at A. & T. College.

WAAC Who Joined WAC
Voted Old Job Rights

WASHINGTON—Women who joined the Army Service Forces came into the regular army in 1817 after a period of service with the Federalized National Guard.

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Since entry into the WAAC was not an entry into service, women who served in both WAAC and WAC are now covered by re-employment laws.

meet the deadline for that invasion.

In the winter of 1944-45, General Lutes was on duty again with Headquarters of the Allied Expeditionary Force, in charge of the logistical operations at the front and with such vital supply areas as Nancy-Luxembourg, Aachen, Maastricht-Namur-Antwerp, Lille, and Rheims.

A native of Cairo, Illinois, General Lutes and Mrs. Lutes now make their home in Washington. His son, Col. George Lutes, Jr., graduated from West Point in 1937 and is now on duty with the American Army of Occupation in Frankfurt, Germany.

M-Sgt. Whiting Re-enlists Again At Lawson Field

M-Sgt. Milton T. Whiting, a member of Sdg. A, 811th AAF Base Unit at Lawson Field, with 17 years of service in the Armed Forces behind him, took the oath for the seventh time at Base Headquarters last week.

A native of Old Town, Me., he began his Army career in 1920

when at the age of 17, with his parent's consent, he joined the Signal Corps at Fort McKinley, Me. The long list of U. S. posts where he has served includes a hitch with the Coast Guard along the North

East Coast, where he ran rum during the days of the 20's.

He was back in the Army in 1936 when he graduated from the Ft. Benning Motor Mechanic School and returned to his home station, Ft. Stevens, Md., where he remained for three years prior to his transfer to Ft. Adams, R. I.

Discharged at Ft. Adams in 1939, he returned to Ft. Benning for a visit and re-enlisted.

Flight B of the 16th Observation Squadron, stationed at Lawson Field, Flight B, at that time under the command of Capt. Rubin, was the rumble of the Reconnaissance, s. m. o. b.

screen laying, tow targets and photography.

He left Lawson Field in July 1944 for Syracuse, N. Y., and was assigned to a Combat Cargo Group, training men for overseas duty. Later he trained at Baer Field, Ind., and from there went to the Air Materiel Supply and Maintenance School at Orlando, Fla. His next assignment was Salinas AAB, California, where he remained until recently with the 16th Observation Squadron, training men to re-enlist here for the second time.

An airplane Maintenance Technician and Inspector, Sgt. Whiting is now re-enlisting was assigned to the Base Air Inspector's Office.

Sgt. Whiting has a brother, Mr. Harry Whiting, and a sister, Mrs. Fred C. Peterson, who

for years has called the Crystal Valley Section of Midland, Ga., his home.

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Answers

To Questions on Page 1
1. The Crimean conference agreement of February, 1945, which stated that the Big Three foreign ministers would meet "as often as may be necessary" probably about every three or four months.

2. In 1921, President Harding signed a joint resolution defining peace with Germany and on July 2, the final treaty with those countries was ratified by the United States Senate on October 18.

3. Communists. Communist party, Yenan China party and the Democratic League.

4. Henry Pu-yi, once the Manchu "boy emperor" of China, the puppet emperor of Manchuria during the Japanese occupation.

5. The German army, in the battle of the Bulge, the last major Nazi counter-attack.

6. Russia aligned herself behind the Allies in their proposals to put atomic energy controls up to the United Nations, and Russia now has a voice in the control of Japan.

7. The necessity for a unified democratic and independent China under the National Government now headed by General Chiang Kai-shek, the establishment of a provisional government for Korea with prospect of complete independence for that nation in five years.

8. (a) Raises the maximum amount of loans and home loans that may be guaranteed by the government from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

(b) Removes the former minimum amount of \$1,000 to give a man on home loan before it can be guaranteed. A loan will now be guaranteed that the veteran is not being cheated.

(c) Eliminates the requirement that the veteran must obtain a "certificate of eligibility." His certificate of honorable discharge is all that is necessary now.

(d) Extends the time limit for obtaining a loan from the government, guaranteed loan from two years after the war to 10 years.

(e) Raises the subsistence allowance from \$100 to \$65 a month for veterans, and from \$75 to \$90 for ex-servicemen with dependents.

(f) Eliminates the 25 year age limit on veterans eligible to go to school on veterans' educational expense.

Hospitals Close

WASHINGTON—The convalescent hospitals and hospital centers at Camp Butler, Ind., and at Camp Grant, Attica, Ind., were closed Dec. 15. The Army has announced. The general hospitals at both posts will continue in operation.

Father Time Is Given Beating By Colonel, 72

NEW YORK—(UPI)—If you wish to be 20 years younger, take a lesson from Col. Philip J. McCook, 72, who has served in three wars.

In 1942 Col. McCook was told by the Army that they could not use him. They said he was too old, so he devised a rejuvenation program for himself.

Everything from swimming and hiking to digging in his garden helped him to put his body in shape.

Amazed Army Medics

Finally, after two months, the colonel again asked for his commission and was granted it. The Army told him that he was "an individual of almost 70, with the face of man of 60, and the body of a man of 50."

In the face of his remarkable physical condition, the Army soon promoted him to the Judge Advocate General's office.

During more than 60 years in the Army, he served as an jeep in connection with the Army rehabilitation program.

Now that the war is over, Colonel McCook is making plans to return to his home in New York City when his terminal leave ends December 31.

Wounded in France

In the Spanish-American War, he served in the Puerto Rican and Cuban expeditions as a corporal.

He was severely wounded in the first world war in the action of the Meuse River, at which time he was a major.

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